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Paper No. 46

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

> Appeal No. 2000-0231 Application No. 08/784,471

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before STONER, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>; HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>; and WILLIAM F. SMITH, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

On January 9, 1999, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal (Paper No. 34). On March 1, 2002, applicants filed a communication abandoning the present application in favor of a Continued Prosecution Application (Paper No. 45).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed January 9, 1999 (Paper No. 34) is <u>dismissed</u>.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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